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City Hall
Claremont, New Hampshire
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Office of: City Manager

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members and Residents of Claremont:

Presented herewith are the reports for the fiscal year 1976 of the administrative divisions, boards and agencies of the City of Claremont. The fiscal year 1976 was marked by several council and administrative actions which are anticipated to bear significant fruit in subsequent fiscal years. The 1976 fiscal year was also a year of change in key positions within the City.

The personnel changes came in a flurry of high administrative activity beginning with the resignation of Louis Sarelas in February and concluding with the hiring of Jerry Maxwell in August. Between these dates, William Blaisdell, the Community Development Director, was elevated to the position of Acting City Manager for a period of six months, Mr. Joseph Devine was selected and sworn in as the City's Police Chief, Mr. C. Jonathan Manning was employed as the City's Engineer, and Louie C. Elliott, Jr., Esquire accepted the responsibility for the management of the City's legal affairs as City Solicitor.

The City Council adopted the City-wide Zoning Ordinance, approved administrative actions regarding the creation, manning and outfitting of the sanitary landfill on the Newport Road, initiated contract activity for the development of the Washington Street Sewer, established the conservation Commission, approved the filing of a public works application, accepted the gift of and created a new park known as Avery Park, and grappled with a bombardment of State and Federal program regulations of which the "upstream chlorination" problem was perhaps the most difficult.

The administrative staff undertook significant improvements in extensions to many municipal services not the least of which include the Burroughs Road, Stone Avenue, access and egress at Monadnock Park, and the conclusion of municipal negotiations with three labor unions.

The 1976 fiscal year saw a continuation of the increase in larceny and theft in the Claremont community, but simultaneously saw a significant increase in the percentage of crimes occurring within the community being cleared due to the efforts of the individual members of the

Claremont Police Department and the leadership of Police Chief Joseph Devine. The Fiske Free Library continued to expand programs and service to the Claremont community with the addition of winter Sunday openings and an increase in total circulation from 3.7 books per capita in 1975 to 4 books per capita in 1976. Community Development program activities were initiated in full blossom providing nearly one million dollars over a five-year period in community development entitlement activity to aid in the elimination of slum and blight and to assist in programs for low and moderate income families and individuals. The City continues to see a significant increase in both commercial and industrial construction with a thirteen percent increase in residential home construction. Fire Department activity in 1976 remained reasonably stable in comparison to past years although significant losses were incurred in the VFW block and at Claremont Beef Company.

The City continues to enjoy a reasonably prosperous and sound fiscal condition which is summarized in detail in pages 29 through 53 of this report. The future for the City of Claremont bodes well assuming that a comprehensive and dedicated attack on the major problems of the water and sewer utilities as well as planned valuation growth is undertaken and resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "M".

Jerry L. Maxwell
City Manager

JLM:rr

Mayor

Charles P. Puksta - Councilman At Large

Assistant Mayor

Alton Desnoyer - Councilman At Large

City Council Members

Roland R. LaPointe - Ward 1

Adolph Burrows - Ward 3

Carmin F. D'Amante - Ward 3

Theodore M. Monetta - Ward 2

Mary Reese - Ward 2

Sydney Clarke - Ward 1

Frank W. Connor - Councilman At Large

City Manager

Louis C. Sarelak (January 1, 1976 - April 30, 1976)

William E. Blaisdell - Acting City Manager (May 1, 1976 - August 27, 1976)

Jerry L. Maxwell (August 30, 1977 - December 31, 1976)

Full-Time Officials

Auditor - Konrad Underkofler

City Clerk - Rose Ellen Haugsrud

Public Welfare Director - Margaret DeLude

Building Inspector - Clifford Lamere, Jr.

Tax Assessor - Roger Mikkelsen

Tax Collector - Patricia Gould

Treasurer - Jeannine Perry

Part-Time Officials

City Solicitor - Louie C. Elliot, Jr.

Health Officer - Wilson R. Haubrich

Meat Inspector - Wilson R. Haubrich

Department Heads

Cemetery Superintendent - William Lewis

Highway Superintendent - John P. Fennessy

Librarian - Susan Hunter

Claremont Housing Authority - Thomas West

Recreation and Park Director - Anthony N. Zotto

Water and Sewer Superintendent - Haakon Pederson

Community Development Coordinator - William E. Blaisdell

Fire Department

Fire Chief - Paul L. Lovejoy

Deputy Fire Chief - Milton S. Haugsrud

Police Commission

Joseph St. Pierre

Michael Zotto

Michael Satzow

Annemarie Tucker

Police Department
Chief of Police - Joseph Devine

District Court
Judge - Albert D. Leahy, Jr.
Special Justice - Raymond Denault
Clerk - William Lynch

Personnel Advisory Board
Adnre Courtemanche
William Scala
Louis Smith

Trustees of Public Funds
Ralph V. Crosby
Henry C. Hawkins, Jr.
Romas J. Bissonnette

Board of Health
William B. Ferriter
Sam Bayer
Honorine Bourdon
Irving H. Crandall
Wilson R. Haubrich

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Lee Fletcher
Louis C. LaRiccia
Maurice Wernick
James McGuire
Rodney Webster

Housing Authority
Jon Auten
Leo Abbott
Donald Swinyer
Norman Prudhomme
Robert G. Davis

E. Charles Goodwin Community
Center Commission
Vernard J. Gardner
William A. Kirn, Jr.
Nicholas C. Marro
Dorothy Maxfield
Cynthia McKee
Morey C. Miles
Vincent Perkins
Victor Szalucka
Jacqueline Whitcomb

Planning Board
Honorine Bourdon
Donald Clarke
Richard Wahrlich
Donald J. Hayes
Paul Ferland
Leo Abbott

Public Health Committee
Mary Reese
Frank Connor
Carmine D'Amante

Public Safety Committee
Theodore Monetta
Charles Puksta
Roland LaPointe

Public Works Committee
Alton Desnoyer
Adolph Burrows
Sydney Clarke

Library Trustees
Ms. Doris Arnold
Ms. Marion Buckley
Rev. Harold Campbell
Leslie Currier
Ms. Eleanor Fletcher
Dennis Leger
Ms. Hazel Lord
Paul Magoon
Theodore A. Monetta

Tolles Home Trustees
Rose Ellen Haugsrud
Elsie Knuckey
Anthony Zotto
Eleanor Parmelea
Dorothy Stever

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January

City Council took oath of office on January 2nd.
Authorized the application for Discretionary Funds.
Ordinance No. 155 "Zoning" was adopted.
Approved Pamsha Drive as a City Street.
The Council held five meetings in January.

February

City Council agreed to meet again with Parsons and Whittemore relative to the pulp mill.
The City Manager appointed, Joseph Roman, Mrs. Mary Abbott, Edwin Evensen, and George Veilleux to the Housing Board.
Agreed to meet as a Committee of the Whole with the Economic Resources Commission.
Held the public hearing on the 1976 City Budget and adopted the total budget in the amount of \$2,364,956.00.
City Manager Louis Sarelas submitted his resignation to take effect May 1st.
There were four City Council meetings during the month.

March

Voted to borrow the sum of \$15,000.00 for the BiCentennial activities.
Adopted a resolution to amend the Council Rules, regular meeting of the Council to be held on the second Wednesday of each month.
Agreed to meet with the Selectmen of Cornish relative to the use of the Claremont Landfill for Cornish residents.
Voted to use the services of the New Hampshire Municipal Association to fill the vacancy of the City Manager position.
The City Council held four meetings in March.

April

Representatives from Whitman and Howard reported on the proposed sewer project.
Appointed Wm. Blaisdell as Acting City Manager and the Public Safety Committee were requested to prepare a working agreement.
There were two meetings held in April.

May

Approved \$37,100.00 in short term notes for the Facilities Plan Sewage System.
Adopted the new salary ordinance for City Employees.
Congressman James Cleveland offered his services to the City on Federal projects.
Voted to allow the Captains in the Fire Department to join the Union, also the Sargents in the Police Department.
Authorized the purchase of a metal wheel compactor for the landfill area.
Voted to authorize the services of an engineering firm to design the Washington Street sewer extension.
The Council meet four times in May.

June

Authorized the Public Safety Committee to make a study of City Officials salary.
Raymond Brodeur, re-appointed to the Elk's Educational Fund.
Voted to expend \$400.00 for flags.
Councilman Alton Desnoyer appointed to the Planning Board.
The City Council held two meetings in June.

July

City Council approved the appointment of Louie Elliott, Jr., City Solicitor.
Adopted an ordinance regulating dumping of refuse at the Landfill area.
Voted to close the gates at Moody Park at 10:00 p.m.
Jerry Maxwell appointed City Manager effective August 30, 1976.
The Council held three meetings in July.

August

Thomas West reported on the Urban Renewal project.
Public Works Committee submitted a list of streets to be resurfaced.
Approved the change in the Revenue Sharing budget.
There were two City Council meetings held in August.

September

Adopted Lincoln Heights as a City street.
City Council adopted Ordinance No. 163 "Conservation Commission"
Voted to borrow \$60,600.00 for the purchase of a John Deere compactor.
City Council welcomed the new City Manager, Jerry Maxwell.
There was one City Council meeting in September.

October

Voted to place Elderly Exemption question to the voters on the November 2nd ballot.
Voted to refer the Police Department reorganization plan to the Public Safety Committee for study.
The Public Works Committee recommended and the Council voted to accept Memorial Drive Extension.
The Council held one meeting in October.

November

City Council adopted a resolution relative to filing an application for Public Works Act Funds.
The City Manager reported on the upstream chlorination problem and the Council voted to invite the Water Supply and Pollution.
The Council held two meetings in November.

December

Voted to allocate \$2,500.00 from Community Development Funds for a neighborhood park in Beauregard Village also named the area as Avery Park.
Authorized a Council Committee to work out an agreement between the City Manager and the City of Claremont.
Public Safety Committee announced that the Police contract is ready to sign.
The Council met in special session to receive the proposed 1977 City Budget from the City Manager.
Mayor Puksta announced the Council committee assignments for 1977.
The City Council held two meetings in December.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This report summarizes the Claremont Police Department Activities and accomplishments during the Year 1976. It is an impressive record of achievement.

The Year 1976 has been one of progress in the Claremont Police Department. Many improvements have transpired and more will be forthcoming.

Realizing that crime and criminals are continually becoming more sophisticated, this department is utilizing every administrative and technological resource at its disposal in order to more effectively meet its responsibility to the people of the City of Claremont.

As we start out Third Century, we in law enforcement have observed the many mistakes we have made. Our hope is that through these mistakes, we have made ourselves better, and as a result we will be better able to serve our country and our city.

We pledge to coordinate our efforts to meet the special needs and conditions that exist in our community. We recognize that the public needs information regarding crime, arrest, and property loss so that they can properly evaluate the criminal justice system. This information contributes to the communities knowledge and understanding of the police role, and it is therefore worthwhile.

Faced with increased responsibilities in nearly every area under its jurisdiction, the Claremont Police Department faced this challenge and will continue to do so in the future.

Crimes as classified by the FBI and reported to them each month give an indication of some of the work of your police department. The incidents that are reportable are Part I Offenses. In the City of Claremont, the police department investigated the following services in calendar year 1976:

<u>Part I Offenses</u>	<u>Total Reported 1975 - 1976</u>		<u>Increase/Decrease 1975 - 1976</u>		<u>Total Cleared 1975 - 1976</u>	
0300 - Robbery	4	3	+1	-1	4	1
0400 - Aggravated Assult	15	10	+5	-5	13	9
0500 - Burgarly - Breaking & Entering	71	182	-111	+111	18	53
0600 - Larceny - Theft	287	475	-188	+188	93	145
0700 - Motor Vehicle Theft	11	9	+2	-2	7	4

1975 Reportable Offenses totaled 388. 1975 clearances totaled 135 or 35%. 1976 Reportable Offenses totaled 679. 1976 clearances totaled 212 or 31%. There was an increase of 291 reportable offenses in 1976 compared to that of 1975.

Part II Offenses reported monthly to the FBI consists only of the number of arrests of Adults and Juveniles. In 1976 there was a total of 528 arrests (514 Adults and 14 Juveniles). Of the Part II Crimes, 340 Adults were found guilty of the offense as charges, 3 were found guilty of a lesser offense and 128 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed. The 14 Juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction. At the conclusion of 1976, 43 Adults were still pending court action for Part II Offenses.

Overall arrests for Part I and Part II Offenses in 1975 totaled 632 Adults and 270 Juveniles. In 1976 the overall total for these offenses totaled 602 Adults and 58 Juveniles. Of this grand total figure in 1976 which is 660 (Adults and Juveniles together), 395 Adults were found guilty of the offense as charged, 8 were found guilty of a lesser offense, 143 were acquitted or otherwise dismissed, 56 were still pending court action at the end of 1976. The 58 Juveniles were referred to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction.

1976 there was a total of 603 traffic summons issued compared to 703 for 1975.

Accidents in 1975 totaled 329 which were reported to the Motor Vehicle Department in Concord, New Hampshire. Accidents in 1976 totaled 646 of which there was 80 personal injuries and 3 fatals. It is interesting to note here that in May of 1976, a more detailed and accurate records system was maintained of all accidents investigated by Claremont Police. This involved not only keeping a record of reportable accidents to the Motor Vehicle Department in Concord, but also a record on non-reportable accidents as well. This more up-to-date accountability of accidents accounts for the increasing number of 1976 accidents compared to that of 1975.

The maintenance of a more complicated records system also is quite readily notices in the Part I and Part II Offenses and arrests.

Service to other law enforcement agencies totaled 472 for the year 1976. This service included record keeping of those arrested and keeping the other law enforcement agencies advised of court action taken and hearings on their arrests.

Other services which the police department were called on to perform during calendar year 1976 included: 233 businesses found by the police with their doors unlocked--202 messages delivered upon request--743 escorts and emergency requests for transportation--665 NAWAS tests or warnings of heavy snow or dangerous electrical storms--2,678 teletype messages sent to State Police or Motor Vehicle Department in Concord, New Hampshire, or to other various police departments throughout the United States requesting information or reporting stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing persons, etc. In addition teletype was utilized by Claremont Police Dispatchers in requesting information for other outside law enforcement agencies or State Police (NHSP) operating in Sullivan County.

In addition, since September 1, 1976, through December 31, 1976; there were 3,077 calls received in a 24-Hour period. There were approximately 9,144 complaints received by police.

The City of Claremont provides facilities for holding prisoners pending bail or on a short term basis, usually overnight.

In our mission to protect the life and property of our citizens, to arrest and detain violators of the law, and to serve the citizens of our community the patrol vehicle is our main tool. During calendar year 1976, the Claremont Police Department traveled a total of well over 282,774 miles on our 137.07 miles of highway in four (4) marked cruisers and one (1) un-marked cruisers.

1976 there was a total of \$92,507.31 worth of articles or currency stolen with \$28,313.13 of this value being recovered.

The Department has an obligation to provide professional standards of Law Enforcement Service to the community. In fulfilling that responsibility, it is essential that department personnel be properly trained. This is true not only at the entrance level but it is also true at other levels. It is a continuous process throughout their careers. Officers and civilians on the Claremont Police Force, in this calendar year 1976 have attended the following schools: St. Anselm's College, New Hampshire State Police Academy, Drug Schools, Breathalyzer School, FBI Firearms School, Basic Fingerprinting School, Training Sessions at New Hampshire Vocational Technical College, In-Service Training Refresher Courses.

The message that the Police Department desires to give to all the citizens in our City is that we are here to serve you and will continue to serve you in the future.

Joseph R. Devine
Chief of Police

SUMMARY OF 1976 BOARD OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES

World Health Organization cards stamped	13
Day Care Centers inspected	15
Sewerage approvals from State.	56
Sewerage systems inspected	6
Special Activities License	1
Liquor Licenses for events	8
New Restaurants inspected	12
Restaurants inspected on annual basis	41
Foster Home inspections	4
Dog bite investigation and quarantine	3
Milk License issued	29
Nuisance complaints investigated	40
Fire damage inspections	2
Housing code investigation	2
Store inspections	32
Disease inspections	6
Meetings re; sewer and water problems	2
State water jugs issued	8
Inspect septic tank truck	1

Total of above calls and
investigations 281

Respectfully submitted,
Wilson R. Haubrich, VMD

The emphasis of the library's program in 1976 continued to be on service to the public through the purchase of the finest and most useful print and non-print materials, as well as the provisions of numerous cultural and recreational events.

The library had an operating budget of \$72,400 in 1976 and spent all but \$8.94 of this appropriation by year's end. 1,955 books were purchased and annual circulation totalled more than 60,000, or nearly four books per capita, up from 3.7 books per capita in 1975.

Sunday openings were instituted in March and continued through May, were discontinued during the summer months, but resumed in September through the end of the year. The library was open a total of 35 Sundays (from 1-5 P.M.) and offered several special programs, including a concert, a lecture by a noted author, and an art show opening. Attendance on Sundays averaged 100 people each week, and the Sunday hours were felt to be very successful in reaching patrons who were unable to use the library on other days.

Five art exhibits were held in the library during the year, adult feature film programs were presented each month except in summer, and storytime and film programs were offered for children weekly throughout the year. Other special programs sponsored by the library included the second annual Summer Reading Program, performances by the Little Red Wagon and the Silver Penny Puppets, plus the debut in Claremont's Broad St. Park of Caravan '76, a bicentennial travelling show of dance, crafts, music, and poetry/mime from the University of New Hampshire.

A new outreach program, complementing the successful Shut-in Service, was added in July. Books-for-the-Hospital was initiated at Claremont General Hospital with periodic donations of paperback books bearing a note from the library. Almost all the paperbacks donated to the hospital had been previously donated to the library, so the cost of the service was negligible.

With the start of school in the fall, a series of workshops was presented to local school librarians by Susan Hunter and Mary Ferland of the library staff. These workshops were designed to help upgrade library skills and to improve communications and coordination among the libraries participating.

A microfilming project was undertaken to preserve the library's nineteenth century collection of Claremont newspapers. Some eighty years of deteriorating "National Eagle" papers were microfilmed during 1976.

Improvements to the library building included installation of thermostats in the staff room and the Sarah Gilmore Room, allowing better control of temperature in those areas. Storm windows were also installed in the Sarah Gilmore Room.

Full-time staff members at the end of the year were: Susan Hunter, Head Librarian; Sylvia Wilmarth, Deputy Librarian and Circulation; Ina Leahy, Children's Librarian; Mary Ferland, Cataloguer; and Emily Fayen, Reference.

Trustees numbered eight at year's end: Theodore A. Monetta, Chairman; Hazel Lord, Vice-Chairman; Leslie Currier, Treasurer; Eleanor Fletcher, Marion Buckley, Marina Limoges, Harold Campbell and Paul Magoon.

Susan Hunter
Head Librarian

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Congress decided to award "block grants" to cities to help them solve their problems. The block grants were to be used to revitalize cities, eliminate blighting conditions, and improve economic and housing conditions, particularly low and moderate-income persons. At the time, Claremont was informed that it was entitled to a annual block grant of \$236,000 for three years and smaller grants for two more years. Each year, the City prepares an application to compete with other New Hampshire cities for additional "discretionary" funds.

Since the inception of the program, Claremont's City Council and administration have worked with a citizen's advisory committee to define the city's problems, formulate goals, and plan programs which will improve the community. The following is a list of projects for which Community Development funds were allocated during the first and second program years.

1. Downtown revitalization. Community Development funds were used to complete the urban renewal program at Lacasse Park. In accordance with the Master Plan for Downtown Claremont, funds were also allocated to help solve the parking and traffic in the central business district.
2. Improvement of housing conditions. Claremont has strengthened its housing code enforcement program and has acquired and demolished two vacant deteriorated structures on Broad Street. In December, 1976, the Community Development office prepared an application for \$250,000 in discretionary funds to be used for a comprehensive improvement program in the High Street neighborhood. The application has since been approved. The program will include rehabilitation grants to homeowners, the removal of blighted structures, and the improvement of streets, sidewalks, and other neighborhood facilities.
3. Improvement of recreation facilities. Community Development funds have been used to help Goodwin Community Center add a gymnasium. Additional funds have been allocated to acquire and develop two neighborhood parks (Beauregard Village and Lacasse Park) and to renovate the outdoor swimming pool.
4. Improvement of traffic flow. The City has decided to use part of its block grant for the engineering and/or reconstruction of three dangerous intersections and the improvement of a main entrance into the city.
5. Pollution Control. Believing that adequate pollution control and community facilities are essential for economic development, Claremont has allocated Community Development funds for the acquisition of a site for a new sewage treatment plant.
6. Administration. The position of Community Development Coordinator has been filled this year by William Blaisdell. Richard Bean has served as the Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer. Debora Cobb was hired in September as the Community Development office's secretary. In December, Linda Mangones was hired on a part-time basis to prepare the discretionary application.

I would like to thank the members of the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee for their assistance in planning the Community Development program. Their interest in Claremont's future and their willingness to contribute are much appreciated.

William E. Blaisdell
Community Development Coordinator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Claremont Zoning Board of Adjustment acted on several applications for variances and special exceptions during the year.

Some of the highlights in particular were a variance granted to 'Stevens' Forestry Corp.' for sales building; a variance was granted to 'John Espeland' for the former Targetts Laundry for an antique warehouse; a variance was granted to 'Claremont Vocational Technical College' for a thirteen (13) unit dormitory on the Gideon Roy property; a variance was granted to the 'Sullivan County Rehabilitation Center' for a mobile unit for teaching purposes; a variance was granted to 'LaValleys' Building Company' for an addition; a special exception was granted to 'Johnson Oil Company' for the location of four (4) 15,000 gallon fuel tanks; a variance was granted to 'Lehigh Oil Company' for a convenience-grocery store; a special exception was granted to 'Roger Meunier/Hampshire Manufacturing' for an addition; a special exception was granted to 'Joy Manufacturing Company' for an industrial rock drilling operation; and a special exception was granted to the 'Goddard Estate (Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester)' for the operation of a rest home.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five (5) members appointed by the City Council and which meets on the first Monday of each month. Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the year 1976 are Maurice Wernick--Chairman, Dr. Lee Fletcher--Co-Chairman, Louis LaRiccia, Rodney Webster, James McGuire, Marie Moore--Clerk and Clifford Lamere--Agent to the Board.

Maurice Wernick, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Claremont, New Hampshire 03743

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Throughout 1976 the department served interments. We poured 76 concrete monument foundations, and set an equal number of corner stones. The sale of preneed lots has doubled this year. The Cemetery Department, consisting of two full time cemeterians and the superintendent, manages 100 acres of cemeteries with complete grounds maintenance. Vandalism was minimal this year. New equipment included a new monument trimmer.

William Lewis
Superintendent of Cemeteries

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The winter months of January, February, and March brought the usual mixture of weather. January had icy conditions on twenty-one of the thirty-one days of the month. This called for extensive salting and sanding. An ice jam on the Sugar River caused some concern in the Beauregard Village area. February brought more icy conditions followed by a warming trend which helped to eliminate the ice build-up on the sides of the streets. Two major snow storms were recorded in March.

Spring kept the department busy sweeping, painting lines, replacing signs and meter posts, catch basin cleaning and repairing, and other routine chores. The grading, raking, felling, and chloriding of gravel roads was done as well as screening sand for mixing patch and for oiling.

The summer program included applying 22,547 gallons of liquid asphalt to various streets and roads. Extra cleaning was done in preparation for the Bicentennial parade. The T. R. A. project on Pappas Road was started on July 19th. The road is being widened and much ledge excavation is being done.

The street paving program this year included the following streets: Chellis Street, Eastman Street, Federal Street, Summit Road, Myrtle Street, Mulberry Street (Maple Ave. to Bible Hill), Summer Street, Prospect Street, Barnes Street, Fremont Street, Union Street, Grove Street, Belmont Street and High Street. The base course of bituminous concrete was applied to Stone Avenue.

A 112" x 75" steel culvert was installed on Burrow Road and the road was rebuilt where it had been washed out. This was done to give better access to White Water Dam.

The months of November and December were punctuated by small storms which caused very hazardous driving conditions.

Joseph Derosier retired February 5, 1976 after twenty-nine years of service with the City of Claremont. In September of 1976, Herbert C. Goewey, Sr. and Antonio P. St. Pierre were honored with service awards. "Herb" Goewey, Sr. was given a 25 year service pin and "Tony" St. Pierre was given a 15 year service pin.

The Highway Department acquired the following pieces of new equipment during 1976: 3/4 Ton 4-Wheel Drive Pick-up, 3 Ton 4-Wheel Drive Dump Truck, 2 Ton Dump Truck, 1 Ton Case Roller, York Road Rake.

The Highway Garage Building received some improvements this year. Uitts and DiLorenzo, Inc. rewired the garage and Bowry Associates, Inc. installed a carbon monoxide exhaust system. Both of these jobs were done under contracts.

John P. Fennessy
Highway Superintendent

CLAREMONT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

This year the Claremont Visiting Nurse Association had a successful year in providing an expanded service and growth of patient care for the residents of the City of Claremont.

A total of 225 children were seen at the Well Child Clinic, receiving immunizations and physicals. The support and guidance to normal growth, development and early detection of any deviations from normal is a major goal of the agency. These clinics are sponsored by the Lioness, who also provide valuable volunteer assistance. The clinics are held at the Goodwin Community Center.

The Crippled Children's Clinic, held four times a year, was reactivated in October. This clinic provides diagnosis and treatment services for children in Sullivan County. It is a cooperative clinic between the Agency and Crippled Children Services of the State of New Hampshire.

We held a Dental Clinic in May. Two Dental Hygienists, from the State Dental Association, gave oral prophylaxis, topical fluoride application and dental health education to children ages three thru five, who meet eligibility requirements. A total of 84 children were registered to attend.

One of the major accomplishments of the year was a mass Swine Flu immunization program for all residents eighteen years of age and over. A great deal of time and effort was spent on this program, setting up volunteers, publicity and clinic sight. Approximately 2,000 persons received the vaccine. This is about 20 - 22% of the eligible population of the City.

The Blue Cross Medicare representative conducted an audit on patient records to certify that all requirements are being fulfilled.

The Re-certification Survey was completed and the agency was re-certified for another year.

The staff has attended inservice meetings through-out the year.

We are planning to provide Blood Pressure and Diabetic Screening Clinics, health teaching and guidance to senior citizens in 1977.

There were a total of 3,133 visits made this year, including 402 made by the Physical Therapist.

Betty Zerba, R.N.
Administrator/Supervisor

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The major highlight in the Building Department was the building permit for the remodeling of the Moody Building for the 'City Bank and Trust Company', plus several office areas.

During the past year there has been considerable construction in the commercial field. Building permits were issued for various types of construction which included City Bank and Trust Company, Hampshire Manufacturing Company, LaValleys, J.C. Penny, Cluster Sheds, Paul & Sons, Dartmouth Wollen, McDonalds, Claremont Flock, and T-Bird Fuel Company.

There was a slight increase in the construction of new housing with forty-two new homes constructed compared to only thirty-seven in 1975. Twenty-one mobile homes were installed this past year. A reported \$2,870,308.00 in construction was recorded in 1976.

Duties of the Building Inspector consist of approving all plans before a permit can be issued. These plans must meet all City specifications and codes. Inspections must be made on all construction, wiring, and plumbing to make sure that everything complies with accepted construction plans.

Other duties of the Building Inspector consist of acting as agent for the Zoning Board of Adjustment; Code Enforcement Officer and serving as member of the Building Commission and the Codes Review Board.

Marie Moore, secretary to the Building Inspector, is also secretary to the City Engineer. She is also clerk to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and secretary to the Planning Board. She takes the minutes of each Board meeting and types and sends these minutes to each Board member. She also must send notices to all abutting property owners of the property in question and has to see that proper notices are placed in the local newspaper.

Another member of the Building Department is Richard Bean, who as of November 3, 1975 has filled the Federally funded position of Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer. The duties of this Officer consist of assisting the City Building Inspector and working in conjunction with the City Fire Inspector and Health Officer. He also conducts housing inspections of six (6) sections of the compact area of the City while answering written complaints involving substandard housing. He inspects all remodeling and repairing in existing buildings and enforces City and State junk car laws.

He must also work with the Zoning Ordinance and issue occupancy permits, as well as provide information to persons having questions concerning the Building Department. He is responsible for submitting reports to the Building Inspector concerning Code Violations for proper action.

Clifford A. Lamere
Building Inspector

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following is a summary of the activities of the Claremont Fire Department for the year 1976. Comments will be brief, due to the fact that the present Chief of the Fire Department did not hold that position during the year 1976.

The Fire Department responded to a total of 428 calls for assistance during the year. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Alarms.....	428	
Still Alarms.....	390	19 were false
Box Alarms.....	38 of which	8 were accidental
		11 were for fires
Structural Fires.....	108	
Grass & Brush.....	21	
Motor Vehicle.....	27	
Public Assistance.....	32	
Investigations.....	81	
Mutual Aid Calls.....	6	
Malicious False Alarms.....	19	
Accidental Alarms.....	8	
Miscellaneous.....	126	

Some of the serious fires of 1976 were

- 1-17 Claremont Lumber on Washington Street
- 2-18 Apartment House on Factory Street
- 3-14 VFW Block Sullivan & Main Street
- 10-10 Claremont Beef Co. Airport Hill
- 11-13 Apartment House 15 Putnam Street
- 12-26 Dwelling 28 Windsor Ave.

A total of 355 permits for outside burning were issued throughout the year.

Any outside burning, where it is allowed in the City, requires a written permit by State law.

Approximately 650 fire prevention inspections, fire drills and investigations of fire causes were conducted during the year in the educational, business, residential, industrial and institutional occupancies within the City.

Two new Master Fire Alarm Boxes were installed during the year as part of the on-going program of connecting private fire alarm systems into the municipal fire alarm system. They were Box 342, Calvary Baptist Church on Maple Avenue, and Box 341, Goodwin Community Center on Broad Street.

In October of 1976, Chief Paul Lovejoy retired from the Fire Department after having dedicated Twenty Six years to the Safety of the people of Claremont, the last Twelve of those years as Chief of the Department. Deputy Chief Milton Haugsrud was appointed Acting Fire Chief upon the retirement of Chief Lovejoy.

The Training program of the department continued on during the year with several drills for the call men and the permanent firefighters. Several classes were conducted throughout the community on the use of portable fire extinguishers.

William H. Sullivan
Chief of Department

CITY ENGINEER

The months following my appointment as City Engineer in late August 1976 proved to be one of the most challenging and demanding periods in my career in municipal government. An effective City Engineer must not only possess the technical qualifications but also have a sound understanding of the municipal public works facilities, capital improvement programs, master plan and associated land use regulations, knowledge of the community's physical terrain, and most important an intuitive feeling for community goals and the attitudes and needs of its citizens. Therefore, considerable time was devoted during my first few weeks as City Engineer to reading past correspondence, technical reports, facility plans, and meeting with other city officials and department heads. The normal duties and routine responsibilities of my office had to, of course, be performed during this time. Obviously, this was a hectic period, especially since the position of City Engineer had been vacant for an extended period and a backlog of work and projects therefore existed. Since the construction season was drawing to a close, consideration was given to that work which was needed prior to winter.

Top priority was given to the reconstruction of the existing access road from Chestnut Street into Monadnock Park and the construction of a new parking area within the park. Design and project bid documents were prepared and the contract was awarded to the low bidder, Pike Industries. Construction was completed prior to winter, thus making the road and parking lot available for use during the hockey season. Landscaping, and the installation of guard posts were completed by the Recreation Department. The reconstructed entrance road featured several design improvements including less grade, wider travelled way, better drainage, and a paved surface on a substantial gravel base, thus providing for all weather use. Guard posts were installed around the perimeter of the parking lot and access road to keep cars out of the park area to prevent damage to the grounds and ball fields.

Other projects undertaken during 1976 were the laying out of a new access road to the Whitewater Brook Reservoir from the end of the Burrough's Road, deed and property research in support of the Municipal Complex Project (New Police and Court Building), and technical input for Community Development and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grant Applications.

Considerable time was spent working closely with consulting engineers hired by the City to design the Washington Street Sewer extension and to prepare a facilities plan for the proposed new wastewater treatment plant and associated sewer improvements. Local input and coordination is essential to avoid future construction problems and assure the City's needs are met.

Normal services provided by the City Engineer include technical assistance to city departments and committees, preparation of technical reports, and when feasible design services including construction surveys and preparation of bid documents. In addition, I advise the City's Conservation Commission and attend its meetings. The City Engineer is a voting member of the Planning Board and this requires that I attend all meetings and be active in the formulation of planning and land use policies and regulations. In addition, I am responsible for the technical review of subdivision and site plan applications. Considerable time is spent explaining procedures and regulations to individuals contemplating subdivisions or development in order to minimize delays and unnecessary expenditures.

The future of Claremont is bright. Numerous public works and recreational projects are being planned to improve the quality of life and sustain commercial and industrial growth. I consider myself fortunate to be part of Claremont's future and to live in this fine community.

CLAREMONT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Commissioners of the Claremont Housing Authority for the year 1976 elected the following officers at the Annual Meeting in May:

Leo T. Abbott, Chairman
Donald M. Swinyer, Vice Chairman
Jon S. Auten, Treasurer

The other Commissioners were Robert G. Davis and Norman L. Prudhomme for the balance of the year of 1976.

Mr. William L. Afffney retired as a Commissioner from the Claremont Housing Authority at the May meeting after having served continuously as a Commissioner from the beginning of the Claremont Housing Authority.

Mr. Thomas D. West is the Executive Director and Secretary.
Mrs. Dorothy Silver is Secretary-Assistant for Housing. Arnold Purmont continued to serve in the maintenance capacity for the Marion L. Phillips Apartments. Miss Betty-Jean Cyr administers the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program for the city.

HOUSING:

Marion L. Phillips Apartments - The Marion L. Phillips Apartments, 243 Broad Street, remained at full occupancy during the year with a substantial waiting list of 84 requests on file.

The first and second floors were painted during the year. We have also had new drapes for the third and fourth floor lobbies installed with some new furniture.

The tenants enjoyed a catered Thanksgiving and Christmas meal.

The officers of the Marion L. Phillips Apartments Tenants' Association that were elected in September for the following year are as follows:

Frank Stacy, President
Clayton Gobin, Vice President
Lillian Knowlton, Secretary
Pearl Chamberlain, Treasurer

URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NH R-21:

This project remained at status quo as no Section 8 help was available to the developers.

SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Miss Betty-Jean Cyr has administered the Section 8 Program of approximately 36 units for the city. This Section 8 Program helped qualifying tenants to pay their rent of the landlords in the city of Claremont.

LEGAL:

During the past 12 months, the legal interests of the Claremont Housing Authority continued to be handled by Albert D. Leahy, Jr., Esq. There is only one litigation yet left in the courts in which the Claremont Housing Authority is involved.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

Nineteen new water services were laid by the Water Department in 1976, and twenty eight water services were relaid. Two new water mains were installed, one on Rochard Road and one at the Clark Well Site. Relaid mains included Wayne Avenue, Dartmouth Street, Yale Street and part of West Claremont Road. Five water main leaks were repaired and several had to be unthawed due to freezing during the winter. A new drain was put into Clark Well Pump.

Hydrants were repaired, painted and prepared for winter by the addition of anit-freeze and a lot of shoveling of hydrants was necessary due to heavy snows. One hydrant was replaced on Bartmouth Street. As of January 1, 1977, we have three hundred twenty-four active hydrants.

Roads to the reservoirs were serviced during the year, gravel was hauled to repair the roads and they were plowed during the winter often. Maintenance to the reservoirs included cutting brush, moving and planting trees.

The mains throughout the city were flushed in September.

The usual checking and maintenance of the chlorinator, reservoirs, and Clark well pump was done on schedule. A new building was constructed at the Clark well pump site.

The usual raising of gate boxes, locating curbs, replacing curbs and cold-patching was done throughout the year.

Work on installing new meters and cables continued. New meters were installed in some instances and in others the meters were repaired and re-installed.

Water samples were taken regularly and sent to the state for testing. On the whole the sample results were satisfactory, especially when considering that our supply source is from surface reservoirs.

General Information:

Number of street gates set in 1976	2
Number of new services laid in 1976	19
Number of relaid services in 1976	28
Total number of services in 1976	3,418
Cost of chlorinating water in 1976	\$1,550.25
	Actual 1975 (\$1,356.10)
Cost of Calgon treatment for 1976	\$2,489.79
Capacity of reservoirs (5)	267,000,000 gals.
Amount of water used 1976	550,347,000 gals
Increase over 1975	125,309,000 gals.
Water pumped from Clark Well in 1976	22,087,700 gals.
Average daily consumption in 1976	1,568,314
Average daily consumption per capita based on population of 15,000	104 gals.
Precipitation for 1976 totals	37.79 inches
Average precipitation for past 62 years	36.80 inches

The Sewer Department unplugged two hundred twelve services and fifty-two mains, installed eight new services and thawed one service during 1976.

Sewer mains were reamed, flushed and salted and manholes were checked and raised where needed. Cold patching was done. The brush on sewer lines was cut, and sewer lines were regularly checked. One sewer service was relaid at 99 North Street which was a private service. Three service leaks were repaired on Grandview Street, Sullivan Street and for Frank Whitcomb. Sewer lines were maintained. The Vo-Tech pump was serviced regularly. Six monholes were replaced on Maple Avenue.

Work at the disposal plant included work on the flights and settling tanks. The road at the plant was repaired. The disposal plant recorded 413,180,018 gallons of sewage treated and 3,073,700 cubic feet of gas was generated in 1976.

Haakon Pederson
Superintendent

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Total persons aided in 1976 were 1,979. This was an increase of 163 persons over 1975. Additionally the number of families was increased by seventy-one to 732 families. The increase in the caseload for 1976 has a direct correlation to the increased costs of fuel and utilities. The emergency fuel loan program did not begin to meet the need of low income families many of whom had a Hobson's Choice--either eat and freeze or keep warm and starve.

Our total 1976 expenditures for direct relief were \$53,987, which was \$5,827 over the 1976 budgeted amount of \$48,160. The city matching share of the Federal, State and community Old Age Assistance and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled programs was budgeted at \$42,000 but mandated expenditures were \$50,390. The monthly average number of persons receiving O.A.A. in 1976 were 74 and A.P.T.D. 16. This caseload has remained relatively stable but costs have increased tremendously. I predicted in 1975 that our billing from the State would be over \$50,000 and requested that amount in my 1976 budget request to the then City Manager, who changed my request to \$42,000--hence the overrun. Our Local Welfare Administrators Association is proposing legislation for the 1977 session of the legislature which, if successfully passed, will help to reduce the Claremont cost in these categories.

The information, advice (such as it is) and referral counselling remains at about 4,000 contacts per year in addition to our financial aid clients. The free clothing room continues to do a brisk business and provides a much needed service. In 1976 our work-relief clients have worked primarily for the Community Center and parks department as well as all areas of the city hall and police department complex. We do not have statistics on the man-hours of work received by these departments but they are all charged to the welfare budget. The result is "free" labor for the participating departments.

Our Welfare Office continues to be blessed with nice happenings made possible by nice people with their generous contributions of gifts (for Christmas) and money for our Special Fund. A St. Marys Brownie Troop providing a Christmas basket. A Maple Ave. School class providing gifts of everything from furniture to food. The boys and girls had even hand-made all of the gift wrap on the toys and gifts. The Kiwanis Club and United Sewersworkers of Joy were more than generous at Christmas time.

I have tried to thank everyone individually but this annual report wouldn't be complete without a sincere thank you to all individual citizens, Claremont businesses and industries, social agencies, clubs and fraternal organizations for their cooperative efforts through 1976.

Margaret "Peg" DeLude
Director

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the members of the Recreation and Park Departments, I would like to express appreciation to the City of Claremont, the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and Members of the Goodwin Community Center Commission, and all who had part in providing funds, facilities, and personnel necessary in the operation of our recreation program. A member of the Goodwin Community Center Commission and Chairman for many years passed away in 1976. Mr. Vincent Perkins contributed many hours to recreation, and was dedicated to the improvement of the recreation program for the City of Claremont.

I would also like to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of our professional workers, volunteers leaders, helpers, civic organizations, our schools, and all other without whose splendid support our task of providing a complete program would have been impossible.

The following is a list of facilities available to the people of Claremont: E. Charles Goodwin Community Center; the Indoor Pool; two baseball diamonds, one with lights; two softball fields, one with lights; two wading pools; nine tennis courts; horseshoe courts; picnic area with fireplaces and tables; four playgrounds; three skating rinks; football field; rifle range; soccer field; Junior Sports League Building; Little League Baseball Field; commons, private golf course; badminton courts; and Arrowhead Skiway, and Gymnasium attached to the Indoor Pool.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Park Department has kept busy maintaining all the parks and islands in the City, improving present facilities, repairing and adding new equipment. The Athletic Fields were maintained during the entire year. The Department prepared and maintained three skating rinks in the City. The rink at Monadnock Park was reconstructed and is now used by the hockey group as well as the general public. Lights were installed at the rinks at Monadnock and Barnes Park. Wood chips were placed around the perimeter of the Monadnock Park Tennis Courts. Moody Park had two new culverts installed and the road was repaired with cold patches. Lights at Barnes Park were adjusted and 50 new lamps were replaced by the Claremont Fire Department. A new switch panel was installed for the Outdoor Pool Softball Field lights. The water-bar at Arrowhead Skiway was repaired and ditching was done so that water from the ski area would not be rushing into the pond. It now has been diverted so that there will not be problems with flooding the homes beyond the pond. The Chestnut Street Entrance to Monadnock Park has been asphalted and a parking area developed to accomodate approximately thirty cars. The ditch at Monadnock Park (approximately 600 feet) was also cleaned. There was extensive brush cutting done at the Outdoor Pool. The warm-up hut at Monadnock Park was remodled. They assisted Arrowhead by plowing the entrance and parking lot during the winter months. The Park Department also assisted the Highway Department in plowing during the major storms.

Equipment purchased by the Park Department included two lawn mowers and a new sound system for the skating rink.

Unfortunately vandalism is still rampant in our system. At Broad Street Park beer bottles are found daily. At Barnes Park lights are broken, obscene language was written throughout the grandstand, and broken beer bottles were found. At Moody more picnic tables were smashed and the wooden fence was smashed along with the gates and the chain was broken. At Monadnock Park the center house door was smashed.

OUTDOOR POOL

The Outdoor Pool season was nine weeks. Swim Meets were held by the Swim Team. Swimming Lessons were given at the Outdoor Pool. The Newport Recreation Department made use of the pool for their swimming program. The filter system was repaired.

SPORTS PROGRAM

The Department conducts a very active sports program throughout the year for all age groups. Basketball is conducted for children and adults with tournament at the end of the season. Baseball and Softball is offered for all age groups. Other sports include Flag Football, Swim Team, Tennis, Volleyball, and general swimming. Badminton, Skating Lessons, and Tennis Lessons were also given.

GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Programs that were conducted at the Goodwin Community Center were Karate, Ballet Classes, craft classes for adults, cheerleading and an Exercise to Feel Better Program for Women.

The Claremont Senior Citizens used the Center for their weekly meetings along with the Bridge Club, Chess Club, Area Girl Scouts, Yesteryear Motor Car Club, Beagle Club, Garden Club, and Square Dancing. Hunter Safety Programs were offered at the Center by A.E. Garceau. A Jaycees Air Rifle Program was also held.

The Center was used by the American Youth Hostellers from the last of June through August for overnight stays. Other buildings are available to the Center in which to conduct programs too large for the Center building. One of these being the Junior Sports League Building, a branch of the Recreation Department, is available to the public for square dancing, badminton, and roller skating.

The new building was used by the following groups: N.H. Vocational Technical College, Claremont Archers, Claremont Fire Department, Shugah River Snowmobilers, City Basketball League, Women's Basketball League, Boys & Girls Basketball League, Women's & Men's Volleyball, Garden Club Flower Show, Rotary Club, Church of the Living Word, Stevens High School, Exercise to Feel Better for Women, Christmas Craft Market, and the Ski & Skate Sale. Improvements that were made included the following. The Kitchen was completed. A new lighting system was installed. The old system was replaced by Metal Halide. The Gym Floor was installed and the glass backboards were installed. The Restrooms were also completed. Donations were received from the following: Claremont Paper Co., Rotary Club, N.H. Vocational Technical College Activity Fund, Claremont Women's Athletic Association, United Steel Workers of America AFL-CIO Local 2944, Association for Retarded Citizens, Evelyn Cleary, Stevens High Booster Club, In Memory of Mrs. Ada A. McLaughlin, Women's Federation of the Congregational Church, Court Vigil H. Barber #892 Catholic Daughters of America, Students Spirit of '76 Project, Mr. & Mrs. David L. Perry, Church of the Living Word, In Memory of Harold Woodward, Josephine Manley, David Weber, Bernard Cornell, and Joy Manufacturing.

INDOOR POOL

The Indoor Pool was the site for the Spring and Summer Learn to Swim Programs, Scuba Diving Lessons, and Swim & Stay Trim Classes for Women. The pool was also used by many outside troupes. These groups included Windsor Junior High, Windsor State Street School, Springfield Recreation Department, Unity School, Vo-Tech, Green Mountain Regional High School - Special Education, Church of the Living Word along with the Claremont School System. Swimming time was also given to the Sullivan County Rehabilitation Center, Counseling Center, and Charlestown Swim Team.

PLAYGROUNDS

The Playgrounds opened their season the last of June and ran for a period of ten weeks with two supervisors at each playground. Craft sessions were held on each playground with materials supplied by the Department. Softball teams were organized as well as volleyball teams. Contests and games were run weekly as well as special events such as pet shows, cookouts, hikes, and standard activities on the playground equipment. There are three playgrounds available to the city youngsters, and they are under supervision ten weeks during the summer, five days a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Supervised playgrounds are at Barnes Park, Monadnock Park, and Moody Park.

ARROWHEAD

Some of the programs conducted at Arrowhead after the snow season were Girl Scouts Day Camp, Nursery School, Mantowa Campers, Bible School, and the Junior High School held their field day here.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hobo Day was held at Moody Park for all youngsters, and a bicycle rodeo was held for the playgrounds at the Junior High School Parking Lot during the summer. An all day trip to Mountain Park was held for the Playground youngsters, and 150 youngsters participated in the trip to Holyoke, Massachusetts.

For the Fourth of July Celebration, the Department conducted games, special programs, and fireworks. The annual Lollipop Carnival was held at Barnes Park at the end of the Playground Season.

In August the annual Twin State Baseball Tournament was held for boys & girls (ages 8-12) and the following week the Twin State Junior Baseball Tournament for boys & girls (ages 13-15) was held.

This year the Second Twin State Valley Modified Pitch Softball Tournament was held at the softball field at the Outdoor Pool.

A city Tennis Tournament was held in all categories.

The Department decorated the Bandstand at Broad Street Park for the Christmas Season, and they erected the nativity scene. The department distributed toys, clothing, and food with the help of the Welfare Department and the Salvation Army.

The Department had a weekly series of bank concerts conducted by the American Band during the summer months in Broad Street Park.

The Department has served many individuals and organizations through the loan of equipment and counselling groups in their programs.

The Department is always open to suggestion and constructive criticism concerning ways in which the youth and adults may better be served. Members of the staff are dedicated to improvements and providing increased programs for leisure time activities for the citizens of Claremont.

Anthony N. Zotto
Superintendent

ASSESSOR

The 1976 Tax Rate was officially set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Lloyd M. Price, Commissioner, October 7, 1976 as follows:

Municipal	\$ 9.80	Per Thousand
County	1.90	Per Thousand
School	<u>24.70</u>	Per Thousand
Total	\$36.40	

This rate was based on the following:

Total Valuation before exemptions	114,169,669
5 Blind Exemptions	- 25,000
211 Elderly Exemptions	- 1,055,000
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is based	113,089,669
Net Property Tax Commitment	4,050,213.95
Est War Service Tax Credit	66,250.00
Total Gross Property Tax	4,116,463.95

$$\$4,116,463.95 \div 113,089,669 = 36.40 \text{ Per Thousand}$$

103 Property owners applied for Current Use assessment in 1976, of which 99 were granted, at least in part for a total of 10,349 acres under Current Use. The total reduction of valuation for Land in Current Use Taxation was \$1,852,580.00.

67 per cent of the 1976 Inventories mailed were returned and filed. To file an Appeal of Assessment, it is necessary for a property owner to properly file an Inventory by April 15.

TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes.....	\$4,051,281.64	
Resident Taxes.....	79,280.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes.....	<u>2,724.75</u>	

Total Warrants.....		\$4,133,286.39
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<u>Yield Taxes</u>		9,309.89
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes.....	\$ 3,436.32	
Resident Taxes.....	<u>4,150.00</u>	7,586.32

<u>Land Use Change Taxes</u>		497.00
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Overpayments During Year:

a/c Property Taxes.....	\$ 2,254.51	
a/c Resident Taxes.....	<u>100.00</u>	2,354.51

<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes</u>		437.50
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<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</u>		<u>247.00</u>
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<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>		<u>\$4,153,718.61</u>
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes.....	\$3,656,946.77	
Resident Taxes.....	63,870.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes.....	2,714.75	
Yield Taxes.....	8,429.94	
Land Use Change Taxes.....	497.00	
Interest Collected.....	437.50	
Penalties on Resident Taxes.....	<u>247.00</u>	\$3,733,142.96

<u>Discounts Allowed</u>		- 0 -
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Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes.....	3,700.63	
Resident Taxes.....	4,760.00 + 10.00 adj.-1977	
Yield Taxes.....	<u>-0-</u>	8,470.63

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976 (As Per Collector's List)

*Property Taxes.....	396,325.07	
Resident Taxes.....	14,900.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>879.95</u>	<u>\$ 412,105.02</u>

<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>		<u>\$4,153,718.61</u>
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*10% of 1976 warrant remained uncollected as of 12/31/76.

----Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:----

	1975	1974	1973
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976	-0-	\$104,538.78	\$14,321.14
(b) Taxes Sold to City During Current Fiscal Year	\$156,919.78		
<u>Interest Collect After Sale</u>	2,358.77	8,786.87	3,289.86
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	\$159,278.55	\$113,325.65	\$17,611.00
<u>Remittances to Treasurer</u> <u>During Year:</u>			
Redemptions	\$ 86,384.76	\$ 71,597.42	\$14,254.92
Interest & Costs After Sales	2,358.77	8,786.87	3,389.86
<u>Abatements During Year</u>	20.75	390.79	
<u>Deeded to City During Year</u>	-0-	-0-	
<u>Unredeemed Taxes -</u> <u>December 31, 1976</u>	70,514.27	32,550.66	66.22
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	\$159,278.55	\$113,325.65	\$17,611.00

PLANNING BOARD

The year 1976 was another busy and interesting year for the Claremont Planning Board. The work load for sub-divisions and site plans remained about the same as 1975 with 34 sub-divisions and 13 site plans being reviewed. Included in the site plans reviewed were Roger Meunier/Hampshire Manufacturing Company, City Bank and Trust Company, and Dartmouth Woolen, Inc. Included in the sub-divisions were three (3) major ones which are Gadway and Clarke, Coy Paper Company, and St. Pierre - Bluff Development.

The membership of the Planning Board during the past year included Donald Clarke - Chairman, Donald Hayes - Vice Chairman, C. Jonathan Manning - City Engineer, Alton Desnoyer - City Council Representative, Richard Wahrlich, Mrs. Honorine Bourdon, Dr. Leo Abbott and Paul Ferland. Alternates were Bernard Rouillard and Mrs. Pauline Rousseau and Miss Marie Moore as Secretary.

Donald S. Clarke,
Chairman

POLICE COMMISSION

A review of the annual report as submitted by Chief of Police, Joseph R. Devine indicates that once again the request from within the City for police service has increased.

The Police Commission, City Manager and City Council with the adoption of the reorganization plan for the police department hopes that the department will be better able to meet these increases.

Along with the reorganizational plan the commission has increased in-service training for the department, understanding that a well trained department is an efficient department.

Joseph St. Pierre
Chairman

CITY OF CLAREMONT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

THEORY OF THE EARTH

AND ITS HISTORY

BY H. B. KENT

NEW YORK: THE MACMILLAN COMPANY, 1904

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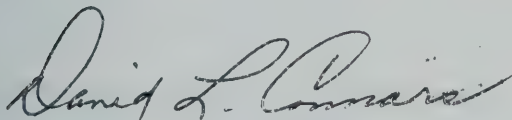
To the City Council, Mayor and City Manager
City of Claremont,
New Hampshire 03743

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Financial Statements of the various funds of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 1976. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of such funds of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976, and the results of operations of such funds and changes in financial position of the Sewer and Water Funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Connors
Certified Public Accountant
JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY
Accountants and Auditors

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

	General Fund	Capital Project Funds
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$1,447,185	\$ 27,246
Special Cash Funds	35,473	
Accounts Receivable	23,035	
Taxes Receivable	517,977	
Inventories		
Investments		
Due from Other Funds		
Property, Buildings and Equipment		
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	38,155	
Tax Deeded Property	787	
Reimbursable Expenses		
Amount Required to be Provided in the Future for Retirement of Debt		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,062,612	\$ 27,246
<u>Liabilities, Reserves, Contributions, and Fund Balances/Retained Earnings</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 681	\$
Notes Payable	15,000	
Taxes Due State of New Hampshire	1,678	
Due Other Funds		
Bonds Payable		
Unexpended Special Appropriation Carried Forward	1,778,324	
Unexpended Balance Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	38,155	
Total Liabilities	1,833,838	
<u>Reserves</u>	70,967	
<u>Contributions</u>		
In Aid to Construction		
Municipality's Contribution		
Total Contributions		
<u>Fund Balances/ Retained Earnings</u>		
Fund Balances	157,807	27,246
Retained Earnings		
Total Fund Balances/Retained Earnings	157,807	27,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, CONTRI- BUTIONS, AND FUND BALANCES/RETAINED EARNINGS	\$2,062,612	\$ 27,246

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Goodwin T. Frances U. 1980

Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Center	Tolles Home	Trust Funds	General Long-Term Debt
\$ 161,509	\$ 23,066	\$ (2,118)	\$ 107,664	\$ 371,277	\$
4,329	1,498				
46,297	5,239				
5,000				1,162,273	
2,306,994	588,474				
		2,118			
					1,080,000
\$2,524,129	\$ 618,277	\$ -	\$ 107,664	\$1,533,550	\$1,080,000
9,968	\$ 2,612	\$	\$	\$	\$
	39,400				130,000
	5,000				950,000
491,789					
501,757	47,012				1,080,000
434,666	108,978				
336,360	335,000				
771,026	443,978				
1,251,346	127,287		107,664	1,533,550	
1,251,346	127,287		107,664	1,533,550	
\$2,524,129	\$ 618,277	\$ -	\$ 107,664	\$1,533,550	\$1,080,000

(Continued)

Exhibit A-1

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

ASSETS

Cash and Temporary Investments

Petty Cash	450	
General Fund	246,735	
Certificates of Deposit	1,200,000	
Total		\$1,447,185

Special Cash Funds

Library Bond Reserve	15,985	
Parking Meter Reserve - Exhibit C-1	17,981	
Community Development	11,507	
Total		35,473

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds - Exhibit C-6

38,155

Accounts Receivable

State of New Hampshire	10,501	
Regular	9,534	
Due from Community Development	3,000	
Total		23,035

Uncollected Taxes - Schedule A-1Current Year

Property Taxes	\$ 396,325	
Resident Taxes	14,900	
Timber Yield Taxes	880	

Prior Years

Property Taxes	919	
Timber Yield Taxes	160	
Totals	413,184	

1977 Timber Yield Taxes	1,662	414,846
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Unredeemed Taxes - Schedule A-1		103,131
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Total Uncollected Taxes		517,977
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Tax Deeded Property

787

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,062,612

(Continued)

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

<u>Accounts Payable - General Fund</u>		\$	681
<u>Notes Payable</u>			
Bicentennial Committee Loan			15,000
<u>Due State of New Hampshire - Timber Yield Tax</u>			1,678
<u>Unexpended Balance of Revenue Sharing Funds -</u>			
Exhibit C-6			38,155
<u>Reserve Funds</u>			
Library Bond Reserve	\$	15,985	
Parking Meter Reserve (Exhibit C-1)		17,981	
Community Development		1,507	
Airport Runway		19,453	
Insurance Loss		167	
Special Welfare Fund		95	
1977 Timber Yield Tax Reserve		3,263	
Health Insurance Reserve		7,078	
Intent to Cut Reserve		4,778	
Current Use Reserve		660	
Total			70,967
<u>Unexpended Special Appropriations Carried</u>			
Forward			
School District		1,770,835	
Computer Components		173	
Sidewalk Repair		7,316	
Total			1,778,324
<u>General Fund Balance (Unappropriated Surplus) -</u>			
Exhibit A-2			157,807
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			<u>\$2,062,612</u>

Schedule A-1

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Property	Unredeemed	Resident	Timber Yield
1973 and Prior	\$ 447	\$ 66	\$	\$ 160
1974	5	32,551		
1975	467	70,514		
Total - Prior Years - Exhibit A-1	919	103,131		160
1976 Current Year - Exhibit A-1	396,325		14,900	830
1977 Timber Yield - Exhibit A-1				1,662
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES*	\$397,244	\$103,131	\$ 14,900	\$ 2,652

*As of June 30, 1977, \$2,307 of property taxes have been abated. As in past years, these abatements will be provided for in the 1977 overlay.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>Balance, January 1, 1976</u>		\$ 95,513
<u>Add: Prior Year Adjustments (Voided Checks, etc.)</u>		<u>155</u>
<u>Adjusted Balance, January 1, 1976</u>		95,668
<u>Surplus Used For Bicentennial Committee Deficit - Schedule C-2</u>		<u>6,953</u>
		88,715
 Excess of Actual Over Estimated Revenues - Exhibit A-3	\$ 47,398	
 Excess of Budget Appropriations Over Actual Expenditures - Exhibit A-4	<u>21,694</u>	
 Surplus Generated in 1976		<u>69,092</u>
 BALANCE, December 31, 1976 - Exhibit A-1		<u>\$157,807</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Actual Over (Under) Estimated
<u>Tax Collector</u>			
Property Taxes	\$4,050,214	\$4,050,214	-
Resident Taxes	75,000	78,840	3,840
Resident Tax Penalties	2,500	2,498	(2)
National Bank Stock	2,700	2,715	15
Timber Yield Tax	7,758	7,758	-
Interest on Taxes	22,000	29,026	7,026
1976 Added Property Taxes	-	4,504	4,504
Total Tax Collector	<u>4,160,172</u>	<u>4,175,555</u>	<u>15,383</u>
<u>State of New Hampshire</u>			
Disaster Fund	4,500	4,213	(287)
Savings Bank Tax	26,583	26,573	(10)
Railroad Tax	633	643	10
Forest Fires	100	75	(25)
Old Age Assistance	500	29	(471)
Business Profits Tax	604,058	604,059	1
Block Grant, Gas Tax	67,190	67,190	-
Water Pollution Control	1,355	1,355	-
Rooms and Meals Tax	99,215	102,893	3,678
Town Road Aid	5,000	4,940	(60)
Interest and Dividends	51,062	51,062	-
Total State of New Hampshire	<u>860,196</u>	<u>863,032</u>	<u>2,836</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle Permits</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>235,094</u>	<u>50,094</u>
<u>Other Licenses and Permits</u>			
Business Licenses	2,700	2,018	(682)
Dog Licenses	3,000	2,564	(436)
Milk Licenses	60	58	(2)
Filing Fees	25	44	19
Clerk Fees	3,000	3,659	659
Building Permits	5,000	5,220	220
Subdivision Filing Fees	900	670	(230)
Land Fill Permits	-	3,113	3,113
Total Other Licenses and Permits	<u>14,685</u>	<u>17,346</u>	<u>2,661</u>
<u>District Court - Exhibit B-1</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>30,011</u>	<u>(13,989)</u>
<u>Rent of City Property</u>			
Rent of Ball Place	550	670	120
Airport	1,570	1,569	(1)
Total Rent of City Property	<u>2,120</u>	<u>2,239</u>	<u>119</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Actual Over (Under) Estimated
<u>Police Department</u>			
Dances, Other Miscellaneous Functions	\$ 15,000	\$ 6,194	\$ (8,806)
Bike Registration	400	173	(227)
Gas Reimbursement	6,000	6,680	680
Road Toll Refunds	2,200	2,360	160
Private Police Work	-	4,305	4,305
Total Police Department	<u>23,600</u>	<u>19,712</u>	<u>(3,888)</u>
<u>Cemetery Department</u>			
Sale of Lots	1,500	1,225	(275)
Grave Openings	7,500	7,875	375
Foundations	1,700	1,338	(362)
Care of Lots	500	391	(109)
Total Cemetery Department	<u>11,200</u>	<u>10,829</u>	<u>(371)</u>
<u>Other City Departments</u>			
Park Department	1,000	1,142	142
Welfare Department	4,000	6,282	2,282
Highway Department	6,700	5,004	(1,696)
Airport	4,950	4,950	-
Water and Sewer Departments	6,948	6,670	(278)
Parking Meters	19,000	16,694	(2,306)
Total Other City Departments	<u>42,598</u>	<u>40,742</u>	<u>(1,856)</u>
<u>Grants in Lieu of Taxes</u>			
Joy Manufacturing Company	160,384	160,345	(39)
Claremont Housing Authority	4,616	4,791	175
Total Grants in Lieu of Taxes	<u>165,000</u>	<u>165,136</u>	<u>136</u>
<u>Bureau of Outdoor Recreation - Arrowhead</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
<u>Monadnock Park Grant</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>7,823</u>	<u>1,823</u>
<u>Cemetery Trust Funds</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,852</u>	<u>352</u>
<u>Interest in Anticipated Borrowing</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>33,751</u>	<u>(6,249)</u>
<u>New Revenues</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,060</u>	<u>3,060</u>
<u>Other Revenues</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,787</u>	<u>287</u>
<u>Federal Revenue Sharing</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$5,798,571</u>	<u>\$5,845,969</u>	

Excess of Actual Over Estimated Revenues - Transferred to
General Fund Balance - Exhibit A-2

\$ 47,398

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under)
	Appropriations	Expenditures	Appropriations
<u>General Government</u>			
City Officers' Salaries	\$ 102,615	\$ 98,800	\$ (3,815)
City Officers' Expenses	65,268	72,796	7,528
Election and Registration	5,655	6,080	425
District Court	25,375	26,174	799
City Hall and Courthouse	21,965	25,499	3,534
Planning Board	2,624	2,459	(165)
Longevity	4,900	4,920	20
Zoning Board	150	150	-
Total General Government	228,552	236,878	8,326
<u>Protection of Persons and Property</u>			
Police Department	357,639	350,764	(6,875)
Fire Department	219,709	222,325	2,616
Care of Trees	500	186	(314)
Civil Defense	750	150	(600)
Insurance and Retirement	189,451	211,415	21,964
Total Protection of Persons and Property	768,049	784,840	16,791
<u>Health Department</u>			
Health Officer's Expense	4,913	4,297	(616)
Visiting Nurse Association	20,000	20,000	-
Claremont General Hospital	20,000	20,000	-
Total Health Department	44,913	44,297	(616)
<u>Highways and Bridges</u>			
Salaries	226,671	223,756	(2,915)
Highway Maintenance - Summer	121,945	92,580	(29,365)
Highway Maintenance - Winter	20,100	36,369	16,269
Equipment Maintenance	72,256	64,379	(7,877)
Garage Building	9,000	9,131	131
Drainage	8,500	8,733	233
Traffic Signs and Markings	53,895	58,375	4,480
Street Lighting	4,000	3,144	(856)
Total Highways and Bridges	516,367	496,467	(19,900)
<u>Library</u>	72,400	72,391	(9)
<u>Public Welfare</u>			
Old Age Assistance	42,000	50,390	8,390
City Welfare Expense	37,660	43,478	5,818
Patriotic Services	1,375	1,149	(226)
Total Public Welfare	81,035	95,017	13,982

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under)
	Appropriations	Expenditures	Appropriations
<u>Recreation</u>			
Park Department	\$ 50,494	\$ 51,726	\$ 1,232
Recreation Department	83,428	81,125	(2,303)
Junior Sports League	4,000	5,560	1,560
Total Recreation	137,922	138,411	489
<u>Public Service Enterprises</u>			
Cemeteries	42,153	45,312	3,159
Airport	11,300	11,107	(193)
Total Public Service Enterprises	53,453	56,419	2,966
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
Highway Dump Truck*	4,500	3,784	(716)
Monadnock Park Project	12,000	15,646	3,646
Arrowhead Improvements	6,000	648	(5,352)
Highway Garage Exhaust System	3,000	2,965	(35)
Garage Electrical Rewiring*	200	9	(191)
Three-quarter Ton Pickup*	2,000	45	(1,955)
Road Rake*	270	-	(270)
Two Rollers*	854	625	(229)
Total Capital Outlay	28,824	23,722	(5,102)
<u>Unclassified</u>			
Legal, Advertising and Lebanon			
Airport	2,000	3,039	1,039
<u>Other City Expenses</u>			
Sanitary Landfill		29,767	29,767
<u>Overlay - (Taxes Abated)</u>	42,478	16,836	(25,642)
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal	72,679	57,679	(15,000)
Interest	98,762	69,977	(28,785)
Total Debt Service	171,441	127,656	(43,785)
<u>County Tax</u>	251,441	251,441	-
<u>School District</u>	3,179,696	3,179,696	-

*See Federal Revenue Sharing Funds on next page.

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Exhibit A-4
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CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Budget	Actual	Actual
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	Appropriations	Expenditures	Over (Under) Appropriations
City Hall Repairs	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
City Hall Equipment Repairs	1,200	1,200	-
Police Department Cruisers	11,000	11,000	-
New Equipment - Pickup	5,000	5,000	-
Fire Department Communication Equipment	1,000	1,000	-
Highway Truck	14,500	14,500	-
Police Equipment Repairs	2,500	2,500	-
Road Rake	1,630	1,630	-
Tree Trimming	1,000	1,000	-
Dog Control	3,000	3,000	-
Rewire Garage	3,000	3,000	-
Snow Removal (Winter)	23,000	23,000	-
Sidewalk Repair	15,000	15,000	-
Welfare Groceries	10,500	10,500	-
Computer Rental	12,000	12,000	-
Highway Roller	2,646	2,646	-
Ambulance Service	36,500	36,500	-
Refuse Disposal	54,724	54,724	-
Cemetery Equipment	1,695	1,695	-
Street Lighting	11,105	11,105	-
Audit	6,000	6,000	-
Total Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	<u>220,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$5,798,571</u>	<u>\$5,776,877</u>	

Excess of Appropriations Over Actual Expenditures - Transferred to
General Fund Balance - Exhibit A-2

\$ (21,694)

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL FUND - DISTRICT COURT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

BALANCE, January 1, 1976 \$ 2,200

Receipts

Fines and Forfeits	\$ 61,530	
Bail	31,665	
Bail Commissioners' Fees	2,797	
Small Claims Fees	1,234	
Parking Violations	4,083	
Sale of Writs	352	
Total Receipts		101,661
 Total Receipts and Balance		 103,861

Disbursements

Motor Vehicle Department	25,332	
City of Claremont - Schedule A-3	30,011	
Bail to Superior Court	1,725	
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,154	
Fish and Game	489	
Bail Returned	21,180	
Bail Commissioners' Fees	2,797	
Witness Fees	4,272	
Paid to Charlestown Court	4,146	
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,155	
Total Disbursements		94,261

BALANCE, December 31, 1976 \$ 9,600

NOTE

Beginning and ending balances include bail received on hand.

Exhibit B-2

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WATER FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash - Checking and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 161,509	
Accounts Receivable	4,329	
Advance to Sewer Department	5,000	
Inventory of Materials and Supplies at Cost	46,297	
Total Current Assets		\$ 217,135

Property, Plant and Equipment - Schedule B-2

Cost	3,129,755	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	822,761	
Net Depreciated Value		2,306,994

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2,524,129

LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable - Vendors	\$ 4,775	
Accrued Interest	5,193	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt - Payable		
Within One Year	49,000	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 58,968

Long-Term Debt

	491,789	
Less: Portion Due Within One Year	49,000	
Total Long-Term Debt		442,789

Contributions

Municipal Investment	336,360	
In Aid of Construction	434,666	
Total Contributions		771,026

Retained Earnings - Exhibit B-3

1,251,314

TOTAL LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

\$2,524,129

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WATER FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Revenue

Commercial and Industrial Sales	\$ 222,874	
Merchandise Sales and Job Work	1,017	
Office Building Rental	2,640	
Interest	8,160	
Miscellaneous	640	
Total Revenue		\$ 235,331

Operating ExpensesWater Supply Expenses

Source of Supply Labor	\$ 2,407	
Source of Supply Reservoir's Labor	251	
Source of Supply Expense	1,279	
Purification Labor	1,888	
Water Shed Expenses	2,735	
Purification Maintenance	3,776	
Calgon Expense	2,490	
Power Purchased	2,445	
Total Water Supply Expenses		17,271

Distribution Expenses

Superintendence	6,477	
Meter Reading Labor	7,248	
Repairs to Mains	6,618	
Repairs to Services	3,506	
Repairs to Hydrants	4,559	
Repairs to Meters	2,895	
Repairs to Clark Well Pump	325	
Total Distribution Expenses		31,628

General and Miscellaneous Expenses

Office Salaries	9,911	
Maintenance of Equipment	710	
Other Supplies and Expenses	2,672	
Insurance	7,915	
Stationery and Printing	1,035	
Relief Department and Pensions	8,637	
Shop and Garage Expenses	12,184	
Taxes	1,071	
Interest	22,432	
Total General and Miscellaneous Expenses		66,567

Total Operating Expenses

115,466

Net Operating Income Before Depreciation

119,865

Depreciation - A Non-Cash Item

44,689

Net Income - Exhibit B-4

75,176

Retained Earnings

Balance, January 1, 1976

1,176,610

Prior Year's Adjustments

(440)

Balance, December 31, 1976 - Exhibit B-2

\$1,251,346

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WATER FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Additions to Working Capital

From Operations

Net Income - Exhibit B-3 \$ 75,176

Depreciation - A Non-Cash Item 44,689

Total from Operations \$ 119,865

Contributions in Aid to Construction 38,217

Total Additions \$ 158,082

Dispositions of Working Capital

Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment - Net 67,352

Reduction of Long-Term Debt 49,000

Prior Year's Adjustments 440

Total Dispositions 116,792

INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL

\$ 41,290

COMPOSITION OF WORKING CAPITAL

	December 31, 1976	1975	Increase (Decrease)
<u>Current Assets</u>	\$ 217,135	\$ 175,311	\$ 41,824
<u>Current Liabilities*</u>	58,968	58,434	
Working Capital	<u>\$ 158,167</u>	<u>\$ 116,877</u>	
INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL			<u>\$ 41,290</u>

*December 31, 1975 Current Liabilities have been restated to include current portion of Long-Term Debt.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEWER FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash - Checking and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 23,066	
Accounts Receivable	1,498	
Inventory of Materials and Supplies - At Cost	5,239	
Total Current Assets		\$ 29,803

Property, Plant and Equipment - At Cost

Sewer System	136,819	
Treatment Plant	109,667	
Vocational Technical School Sewage System	46,390	
Whitman Howard Sewer Survey	108,542	
Mains	488,003	
Services	42,206	
Sewer Equipment	5,681	
Auto Equipment	8,934	
Office Equipment	3,548	
Shop Equipment	3,326	
Disposal Equipment	3,321	
Radio Equipment	400	
Total	956,837	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	368,363	
Net Depreciated Value		588,474

TOTAL ASSETS

\$618,277

LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 2,324	
Accrued Interest	288	
Advance from Water Department	5,000	
Notes Payable - Banks	39,400	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 47,012

Contributions

Municipal Investment	335,000	
In Aid to Construction	108,978	
Total Contributions		443,978

Retained Earnings - Exhibit B-6

127,287

TOTAL LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

\$618,277

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEWER FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Revenue

Sewer Rentals	\$ 88,295
Merchandise Sales and Job Work	390
Entrance Fees	255
Interest	2,610
Total Revenue	<u>91,550</u>

\$ 91,550

Operating ExpensesSewer Expenses

Plugged Services	\$ 1,664	
Frozen Mains	1,380	
Repairs and Maintenance - Mains	8,611	
Repairs and Maintenance - Services	1,387	
Total Sewer Expenses		13,042

Treatment Plant Expenses

Power Purchases	1,071	
Fuel Oil	2,323	
Plant Operator	9,955	
Other Labor	9,559	
Repairs	2,252	
Supplies	359	
Miscellaneous	451	
Total Treatment Plant Expenses		25,970

General and Administrative Expenses

Superintendence	6,525
Office Salaries	9,410
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,710
Insurance	5,128
Shop and Garage Expense	2,846
Relief Department and Pensions	8,453
Interest	1,903

Total General and Administrative Expenses 35,975

Total Operating Expenses 74,987Net Operating Income Before Depreciation 16,563Depreciation - A Non-Cash Item 15,191Net Income - Exhibit B-7 1,372Retained Earnings

Balance, January 1, 1976	126,493
Prior Year's Adjustments	(578)

Balance, December 31, 1976 - Exhibit B-5 \$127,287

Exhibit B-7

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEWER FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Additions to Working Capital

From Operations

Net Income - Exhibit B-6	\$ 1,372	
Depreciation - A Non-Cash Item	<u>15,191</u>	
Total from Operations		\$ 16,563
Contribution to Aid in Construction		<u>28,088</u>
Total Additions		\$ 44,651

Dispositions of Working Capital

Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	99,833	
Decrease in Notes Payable - Claremont National Bank	2,300	
Prior Year's Adjustments	<u>578</u>	
Total Dispositions		<u>102,711</u>

DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL

\$ (58,060)

COMPOSITION OF WORKING CAPITAL

	December 31, <u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	Increase or (Decrease)
<u>Current Assets</u>	\$ 29,803	\$ 43,456	\$ (13,653)
<u>Current Liabilities*</u>	<u>47,012</u>	<u>2,605</u>	<u>44,407</u>
Working Capital (Deficit)	<u><u>\$ (17,209)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 40,851</u></u>	
DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL			<u><u>\$ (58,060)</u></u>

*December 31, 1975 Current Liabilities have been restated to include current portion of Long-Term Debt.

Exhibit B-9

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
E. C. GOODWIN COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

BALANCE, January 1, 1976

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Receipts

City of Claremont	\$72,578	
Pool Receipts	5,723	
Rentals, etc.	2,446	
Total Receipts		\$80,747

Disbursements

Salaries	43,801	
Services	219	
Office Supplies	430	
Telephone	852	
Petty Cash (Incidental Expenses)	150	
Insurance	2,432	
Fuel	9,219	
Water and Sewer	456	
Electricity	4,527	
Maintenance Supplies	2,094	
Repairs and Replacements	4,554	
New Equipment	2,708	
Improvements	3,903	
General Expenditures	2,351	
Programs (Meetings, Dues, Publications)	196	
Health Insurance	1,462	
Social Security Taxes	2,332	
Retirement	1,180	
Total Disbursements		<u>82,866</u>

Excess of Disbursements over Receipts for 1976

2,119

BALANCE, December 31, 1976

\$(2,118)

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Income

Sale of Souvenirs	\$ 7,942	
Dance Receipts	4,444	
Parade	1,195	
Donations	627	
Total Income		\$14,208

Expenses

Cost of Souvenirs	7,675	
Dances	5,275	
Parade	7,290	
Donations	318	
Promotional Expense	1,214	
Postage	168	
Supplies	126	
Commission Expense	60	
Total Expenses		22,126

Loss on Activities (7,918)

Interest Earned of \$1,134. Less Interest Paid of \$169 965

NET LOSS \$ (6,953)

A \$15,000 loan from Indian Head National Bank was taken to provide funds for these activities.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES,
UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

UNEXPENDED BALANCE, January 1, 1976 \$ 87,26

1976 Expenditures Authorized in Prior Years

Purchase of Webster Property	31,36
Balance Available for 1976	55,90

1976 Revenue

1976 Entitlements Received		\$194,501
Interest on Savings		7,754
Total Revenue		202,25
Total Revenue and Balance		258,15

1976 Expenditures Authorized in 1976

Operating and Maintenance:

Sanitary Landfill	\$ 54,724	
Ambulance Service	36,500	
Snow Removal	23,000	
Sidewalks	15,000	
Computer Rental	12,000	
Street Lighting	11,105	
Welfare - Groceries	10,500	
City Audit	6,000	
K-9 Control	3,000	
Police Equipment Repairs	2,500	
City Hall Equipment Repairs	1,200	
Tree Trimming	1,000	
Total Operating and Maintenance		176,529

Capital Expenditures:

Highway Truck	14,500	
Police Cruisers	11,000	
Three-Quarter Ton Pickup	5,000	
Repair City Hall and Court House	3,000	
Rewiring Garage	3,000	
Small Roller	2,646	
Cemetery Equipment	1,695	
Road Rake	1,630	
Fire Department Communications Equipment	1,000	
Total Capital Expenditures		43,471

Total Expenditures	220,00
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE, December 31, 1976 38,15

Encumbrances

Sidewalks	11,05
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UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, December 31, 1976 \$ 27,09

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

ASSETS

Amount Required to be Provided in the Future
for Retirement of Bonds and Notes

\$1,080,000

LIABILITIES

Short-Term Notes

Sewer Note	\$ 37,100	
Bicentennial Committee	15,000	
Total Short-Term Notes		\$ 52,100

Long-Term Notes

Urban Renewal	15,000	
Landfill Compactor	60,600	
Sewer Department (For Sewage Treatment Survey)	2,300	
Total Long-Term Notes		77,900

Bonds

City:

4.25% Issued 10/1/66	163,211	
Urban Renewal, 4.875%, Issued 2/1/74	135,000	
Coy Bridge, 5.70%, Issued 6/1/74	160,000	

Water Department:

4.25%, Issued 10/1/66	236,789	
4.20%, Issued 10/1/67	255,000	

Total Bonds		<u>950,000</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$1,080,000

Schedule D-1

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
SCHEDULE OF DEBT RETIREMENT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 AND 1980 AND AFTER

	Balance December 31,				1980 and After
	1976	1977	1978	1979	
<u>Short and Long-Term Notes</u>					
Urban Renewal	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$	\$	\$
Landfill Compactor	60,600	20,200	20,200	20,200	
Sewer Treatment Plant Survey	2,300	2,300			
Sewer Note	37,100	37,100			
Bicentennial Committee	15,000	15,000			
<u>Bonds</u>					
City, 4.25%	163,211	16,000	16,000	16,000	115,211
City, 4.875%	135,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	100,000
City, 5.70%	160,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	115,000
Water, 4.25%	236,789	24,000	24,000	24,000	164,789
Water, 4.20%	255,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	180,000
<u>TOTAL SHORT AND LONG-TERM NOTES AND BONDS</u>	<u>\$1,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 184,600</u>	<u>\$ 110,200</u>	<u>\$ 110,200</u>	<u>\$ 675,000</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Claremont, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies.

Bases of Accounting

The accrual basis of accounting is followed (with minor exceptions) by all funds other than budgetary funds (general, special funds, and debt service funds), which utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost.

Inventories

Inventory held by the Water and Sewer Departments is priced at cost. All other funds do not recognize inventories which are expensed as purchased.

Water and Sewer Plant and Equipment

Water and Sewer plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method with useful lives as follows:

Structures	25 to 75 Years
Distribution Facilities	25 to 100 Years
Other Equipment	5 to 20 Years

General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the general fund, capital projects fund, etc., at time of purchase. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

Pension Funds

Retirement funds for the benefit of employees, except some appointed officials, are provided through the New Hampshire Retirement System and the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Subsequent Events

On June 30, 1977, the City Council authorized the reconstruction of the outdoor pool at the present location at approximate cost of \$162,000 from Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and Community Development Funds.

On May 23, 1977, the City Council authorized the purchase of land located at LaCasse Park Urban Renewal Project from the Claremont Housing Authority for \$63,500 from Community Development Funds.

On April 13, 1977, the City Council approved the filing of a CDBG Discretionary Full Application for Wall-Meadow High Street Neighborhood Conservation Program.

On April 13, 1977, a grant allocation of \$6,000 for Phase I (Survey and Planning) was received for the restoration of the Claremont Opera House.

On February 16, 1977, the City Council approved \$236,000 for Community Development Third Year Entitlement Funds.

On February 9, 1977, the City Council authorized the City Treasurer, with approval of the City Manager, to issue and sell notes in anticipation of federal aid to the City, not to exceed \$750,000 for Waste Water Improvement. They also authorized the renewal of the \$750,000 Waste Water Improvement notes at one year intervals until receipt of federal aid.

On February 3, 1977, Joy Manufacturing Corporation and the City (through Claremont Industrial Development Corporation) terminated the payment in lieu of taxes agreement, subject to an Internal Revenue Service ruling on call of bonds, and agreed to sell to Joy said machinery, equipment and real estate under option and enter said real estate on the city tax rolls based on an appraisal of same by the United Appraisal Company.

Agreements

In March, 1976, the town of Cornish agreed for a three year period, to pay \$4,500 per year for the use of Claremont's landfill facilities.

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